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SENATE BILL 433

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; INCREASING THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH  
BENEFITS FOR THE SURVIVORS OF A PEACE OFFICER KILLED IN THE  
LINE OF DUTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 29-4A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,  
Chapter 59, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-4A-5. PEACE OFFICERS' SURVIVORS SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH  
BENEFITS--REVIEW COMMITTEE--DETERMINATION--PAYMENT.--

A. There is created the "peace officers' survivors  
supplemental death benefits review committee". The committee  
shall consist of the attorney general, the chief of the New  
Mexico state police and the state president of the fraternal  
order of police or their designees.

B. The peace officers' survivors supplemental death

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1 benefits review committee shall determine whether a peace  
2 officer has been killed in the line of duty and advise the  
3 secretary of that determination. In addition to any other  
4 death benefits provided by law, the surviving spouse, children  
5 or parents shall be paid [~~fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)~~] one  
6 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) as supplemental death  
7 benefits whenever a peace officer is killed in the line of  
8 duty. The benefits shall be paid from the fund.

9 C. The benefits shall be paid first to the  
10 surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the  
11 benefits shall be distributed in pro rata shares to all  
12 surviving children. If there are no surviving children or  
13 spouse, benefits shall be distributed to the surviving parents  
14 of the peace officer."

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